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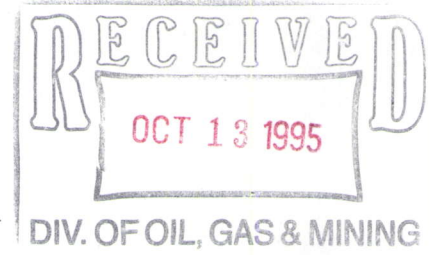
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SUBJECT: Cotter Corporation Expansion of Papoose small mining operation to large mine
status ML 45609
State Identification Number: UT950907-020

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. The Division of Wildlife Resources comments:

The mine expansion will impact wildlife habitat. The permit should contain provisions to ensure the area is reclaimed to the current level of habitat value.

Because the operation is within the distribution of several sensitive wildlife species, clearance type surveys should be conducted. The area should be surveyed for raptors nesting within one-half mile of the mine expansion site. A survey for burrowing owls within the expansion area should also be completed. Prairie dog colonies within the expansion area should be surveyed for black-footed ferrets, prior to the issuance of the permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Morris or Bill Bates in our Southeastern Region office at 637-3310.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Utah State Clearinghouse at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-1535, Nancy Keate at (801) 538-1548, or John Harja at (801) 538-1559.

Sincerely,

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